

Roll No. of Candidate : .....

**ENGLISH ( Compulsory )**

Total Questions : 18 Total Printed Pages : 16

Time : 3 Hrs. 15 Minutes | Full Marks : 100

परीक्षार्थी के लिये निर्देश :

**Instructions to the candidate :**

1. परीक्षार्थी यथासंभव अपने शब्दों में ही उत्तर दें।  
*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*
2. दाहिनी ओर हाशिये पर दिये हुए अंक पूर्णांक निर्दिष्ट करते हैं।  
*Figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks.*
3. सभी प्रश्न अनिवार्य हैं।  
*All questions are compulsory.*
4. उत्तर देते समय परीक्षार्थी यथासंभव शब्द-सीमा का ध्यान रखें।  
*While answering the candidate should adhere to the word limit as far as practicable.*

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5. इस प्रश्नपत्र को पढ़ने के लिए 15 मिनट का अतिरिक्त समय दिया गया है।

*15 minutes of extra time have been allotted for the candidates to read the questions.*

**SECTION - A**

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below in your own words.

4 × 3 = 12

Discipline is the necessity of life. A man without discipline can achieve nothing worth-while in life. Discipline is a very important condition of progress, stability and strength. Discipline is necessary in every walk of human life. Without discipline there will be disorder and lawlessness. In a civilized society we cannot live without having some regard for the welfare of others. Respect for authority is the basis of

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discipline. Children must obey their parents. In schools and colleges there must be discipline. Otherwise education will suffer. We find evidence of discipline all around us, even in the world of nature and the world of animals. Discipline costs nothing but it wins a lot. Discipline helps us to safeguard our interests and retains us from misusing our liberty.

Questions :

- i) What must we have if we want to achieve something in life ?
- ii) What will the condition of the world be if there is no discipline ?
- iii) Where should society begin to inculcate discipline among its citizens ?
- iv) Mention two important factors for having a disciplined society.

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below in your own words :

4 × 2 = 8

The Kaurava's maternal uncle, Shakuni was adept at gambling which was very popular in those days in the society of big people. Duryodhana invited Yudhishtira to play the game. The latter being a pure hearted and simple person was quite inexperienced in it. Dice after dice was cast with the result that Yudhishtira lost his entire kingdom and his wife Draupadi as well. At this the evil hearted Duhshashana, a younger brother of Duryodhana, dragged her to the assembly hall and began to pull off her sari in the presence of

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her husbands and the large number of courtiers. At this hour of peril Draupadi closed her eyes and stood praying to Lord Krishna with folded hands to protect her modesty. Lord Krishna at once came to her rescue. Duhshashana went on pulling off the sari for hours and still he was not able to come to the end of Draupadi's sari.

Questions :

- i) Who was Shakuni ?
- ii) What was the purpose to invite Yudhishthira ?
- iii) Who came to rescue Draupadi ?
- iv) What did Draupadi do at the hour of peril ?

3. Write a letter to your friend about your preparation for the Board Examinations. 8

OR

You are Mohan, studying in Class X of Marwari H.S., Patna. You have been fined 15 rupees by your class teacher. Write an application to your Headmaster requesting him to remit the fine.

4. Write a paragraph on any *one* of the following in about 60 words : 4

- i) Friendship
- ii) Rickshaw puller
- iii) Hostel life
- iv) The book you like most.

5. Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on his success in the Board Examination. 8

OR

In the summer vacation, you visited your village and watched the mango orchard there. Write a paragraph on the varieties of mangoes that are found in your village.

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6. Do as directed :

- i) The mountain is too high to climb. ( Remove too ... to )
- ii) Mohan is the best boy. ( Positive degree )
- iii) Sita sings a song. ( Into Passive voice )
- iv) Man is mortal. ( Into Negative sentence )

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7. Change the following sentences into indirect form of speech :  $4 \times 1 = 4$

- i) The teacher said to us, "Stars twinkle in the sky."
- ii) He said to me, "May you get success!"
- iii) Hermia said to Helena, "What are you doing here Helena?"
- iv) He said, "Bring a glass of water."

8. Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of verbs given in the brackets :  $3 \times 1 = 3$

- i) The colour of these shirts ..... blue. ( is / are )
- ii) A lot of sugar ..... been bought. ( has / have )
- iii) I wish, I ..... a king. ( was / were )

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9. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

$$4 \times 1 = 4$$

i) He is always short ..... money.

( of / with )

ii) She has no compassion ..... me.

( for / on )

iii) She danced ..... joy. ( by / for )

iv) He is bent ..... mischief.

( upon / on )

10. Translate any five into English :

$$5 \times 1 = 5$$

i) हमलोग रोज विद्यालय जाते हैं ।

ii) लड़कियाँ गीत गा रही है ।

iii) वह दौड़ने में बहुत कमजोर है ।

iv) हमें अपना कर्तव्य करना चाहिए ।

v) धूप में मत खेलो ।

vi) हमलोगों को बड़ों का आदर करना चाहिए ।

vii) सीता अपने पिता को पत्र लिखी ।

viii) सोना चाँदी से महंगा है ।

### SECTION - D

11. Read the extract carefully and answer the following questions :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

Dr. Rajendra Prasad was born on 3rd December, 1884 at Viradei, in the district of Saran in Bihar. The name of his father was Mahadeo Sahay. His mother was Kamleshwari Devi. At the age of five, he studied Persian with a Maulavi and then joined Chapra Zilla School. He was married to Rajvanshi Devi at the age of twelve. After passing Matriculation, he was admitted to Presidency College, Calcutta in 1902. He passed all the university examinations with credit. He always stood first. He became a lawyer at the Calcutta High Court. In 1916 he joined Patna High Court. He participated in the Champaran Movement of Mahatma Gandhi. He served as a President of the party in 1932; 1934, 1939, 1942. He was the Chairman of

India's Constituent Assembly also. When India became free in 1947 he was elected first President of the Indian Union.

Questions :

- i) When and where was Dr. Rajendra Prasad born ?
- ii) Who were the parents of Rajendra Prasad ?
- iii) From which college did he pass his University Examinations ?
- iv) Who was Rajvanshi Devi ?
- v) When he became elected the first President of India ?

12. Read the extract carefully and answer the following questions :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam was born in 1931 in Rameshwaram in Madras. He had three brothers and one sister. His ancestral house

was built in the middle of nineteenth century. The Second World War broke in 1939 when Abdul Kalam was just eight years old. Abdul Kalam passed the Elementary School from Rameshwaram. After that he went to Ramanathapuram for study. He did his B.Tech. in Madras. He worked for two decades in ISRO and mastered Launch Vehicle Technologies. He played a very important role in building indigenous Prithvi and Agni Missiles. He also worked as a Scientific Advisor to Defence Minister. He won many awards including the Padma Bhushan in 1981, Padma Vibhushan in 1990 and Bharat Ratna in 1991. The nation honoured Dr. Kalam by electing him the 11th President of India in 2002 to 2007. Dr. Abdul Kalam died on 27. 07. 2015 at the age of 83.

Questions :

- i) Who was Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam ?
- ii) When and where was he born ?
- iii) When was his ancestral house built ?
- iv) When was Dr. Kalam given the Bharat Ratna Award ?
- v) When was he elected the President of India ?

13. Answer any one of the following in about 80 words :

1 × 6 = 6

- i) Did the narrator enjoy talking about Ecology ?
- ii) Mention one feature which Indian Films need.
- iii) What form of Electricity did the narrator use ?

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14. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words each :  $2 \times 2 = 4$

- i) What does the old woman know about the young people in 'Once Upon a Time' ?
- ii) Why did some young people visit her ?
- iii) Why did Akoulya shout at Malasha ?
- iv) What did the two girls do when men started fighting ?

15. Read carefully the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow :  $4 \times 1 = 4$

A twenty-five kilo load on his back

Spine double bent

A six-mile climb up in the snows of winter

Naked bones, skeleton-like trail frame

Yet facing an uphill talk

He is challenging the mountain.

- i) How much load does the porter have on his back ?

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- ii) What distance does the porter cover in the snows of winter ?
- iii) Who is challenging the mountain ?
- iv) What type of cap is he wearing ?

✓ 16. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 30 words each :  $2 \times 3 = 6$

- i) Why was the man not content though he was rich ?
- ✓ ii) Who is a happy man ?
- iii) Where do you find health and virtue ?
- iv) When does a polythene bag make a noise ?

✓ 17. Answer any *one* of the following questions :

$1 \times 6 = 6$

- i) Why was the Banker afraid of honouring the Bet ?
- ✓ ii) Mr. Gessler was not successful in his trade, why ?

18. Answer any *two* of the following questions :

$2 \times 2 = 4$

- i) Who was Mr. Gessler ? How did the author know him ?
- ii) What did the Banker do to kill the lawyer ?
- iii) What is 'Allergy March' ? Explain.
- iv) Elaborate the role of Jabra in the story 'January Night'.